

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 2052 - HB 1955**

February 17, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Deletes an obsolete subdivision in code in reference to a joint report by the Department of Health and Infections Taskforce on antibiotic resistant infections.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012575):** Authorizes a quality improvement committee (QIC) to share information and documents received from an individual with other QICs. Such information is confidential between QICs. Provides immunity from liability for QICs for any disclosure or sharing of such information. Provides immunity from liability for any action for damages or other relief resulting from decisions, opinions, actions, and proceedings rendered, entered, or acted upon by a QIC, undertaken or performed within the scope or function of the duties of such committees or in any judicial or administrative proceeding if made or taken in good faith and without malice and on the basis of facts reasonably known or reasonably believed to exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, this will have no significant fiscal impact on the Department or the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities had closing balances of \$450,785 in FY11-12 and \$599,456 in FY12-13.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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